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"But to the man who invents that oil furnace ever-lasting praise will go. He will insure overnight the doubling or trebling of Los Angeles' population. He will make of her the source of steel supply for the entire West, as well as for the rapidly growing markets of the Far East."

"Upon what source do the iron works now here depend?" he was asked.

"They are using scrap iron intermixed with some pig iron. But the end of this is in sight. With more orders on hand than can be filled their managing heads realize that a new source must be found within five years, or their plants must be diverted to other lines of industry. The Pacific Coast does not create enough scrap iron to keep them going, and the one and only base of supply left is the ore at our doors."

A Ray of Hope

Through the gloom a single ray of sunshine comes. Four years ago it brought the glow of hope to a group of men who for twenty years have been seeking for a way in which the ore could be smelted.

A man from Louisiana patented a process for smelting iron ore with electricity and gas. The Llewellyn Iron Works prepared to test it out. But along came the war and the plan was for the time abandoned.

At the close of the war the matter was re-opened only to reveal that a new obstacle as perplexing as its predecessors had arisen. The smelting must be done with electricity and gas—but because of its alleged greater heating power, it must be natural gas. Before the war the natural gas companies were looking for commercial enterprises to consume their surplus product. After the war it was found that the natural gas supply was insufficient, due to two causes: First the flow in the Orange County field had diminished from 20,000,000 cubic feet a day to 12,000,000; second, the city of Los Angeles had grown so rapidly that domestic consumers were calling for every available foot of gas, both natural and artificial.

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Choir rehearsal, Friday evening, 7:45.

Ladies' Guild, first Thursday each month.

Women's Missionary, third Thursday each month; place to be designated in advance.

Next Sunday, July 25th, the pastor of the Central Evangelical Church will speak at the morning service upon the theme of "Full Salvation Through Christ." In the evening the subject will be "The Broken Link." In the morning service, following the sermon, the communion service will be held, and all Christian people are invited to participate at the communion table of our Lord. All persons, citizens and sojourners, are invited to worship and to attend all services of the church.

The members of the Central church and all other friends are pleased to welcome Rev. E. L. Weatherwax and Mrs. Weatherwax home again from their long trip to Sacramento and back, arduous though pleasant withal. Their experience will tend to strengthen and intensify their church work with new zest and enthusiasm.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Evangelical church will meet at the residence of Mrs. Nellie Zuver on Thursday, July 29, at 2:30 p. m.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce will continue regular meetings on the first Monday of every month. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday evening, August 2, although there may be called meetings, if necessity requires.

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